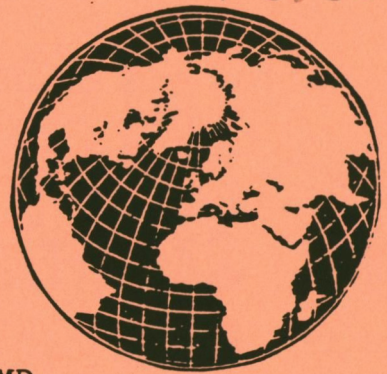


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FOURTH ANNUAL ROYAL D. ALWORTH, JR. MEMORIAL LECTURE

Mark your calendar: Dr. Walter R. Heinz, Sociologist from Bremen, Germany, will deliver the Fourth Annual Royal D. Alworth, Jr. Memorial Lecture, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, in Montague Hall 80 on "EUROPE, GERMANY AND NEO-NAZISM."

INTERNATIONAL BROWN BAG LECTURES. A popular lunch hour series featuring community members and UMD's faculty, staff, and students, who share their international experiences. All presentations are on Thursdays at noon in Kirby 323. This month's programs are:

- March 19 "THE FAR NORTH--UMEÅ, SWEDEN"
Todd Kneeland, Lecturer in the Communications Department, who spent a year in Sweden with his family while studying at Umeå University, will speak of their experiences.
- March 26 "TODAY'S FINLAND--THE VIEW FROM JOENSUU"
Jukka Heikkila and Sari Suominen, along with other students from Joensuu, will discuss modern day Finland.
- April 2 "BANGLADESH!"
Dr. Lisa Prusak, and David Prusak, Civil Engineer, who recently returned from Bangladesh where they were volunteers conducting development and relief work, will speak about their experiences.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The University of Lapland at Rovaniemi, Finland, will host the Third Conference on **The Role of Circumpolar Universities in Northern Development** on November 30-December 3, 1992. The conference coincides with the opening ceremonies of the Arktikum House, a new science center in Rovaniemi. Universities in the circumpolar countries play a crucial role in the development of northern regions. The conference aims to attract members of these academic and scientific communities, as well as government policy makers, authorities, and other interested individuals who have special interest in the Circumpolar North's future development. The conference is planned to include plenary sessions and sessions with presentation of papers, workshops and round table discussions. The official conference language is English. UMD is a member of the Circumpolar Universities Conference and was a participant at the first conference in Thunder Bay, Canada, in 1989, and at the second conference at Tyumen, Russia, in 1991. Active participation is encouraged with UMD expected to issue an invitation to host the conference in early or late summer of 1993.

Conference organizers at the University of Lapland have issued a "call for papers" with general themes including: 1. Minority Problems and Strategies in the Circumpolar North, 2. Environmental Problems and Strategies in the CN, 3. Welfare and Changing Living Conditions in the CN, 4. International Cooperation in Circumpolar Development, 5. Academic Development in the North, 6. Fine Arts and Humanities in the CN. Abstracts are due May 1, 1992, for review. Contact the Alworth Institute, 726-8229, if you have questions or plan on submitting an abstract.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Year-long student academic exchanges are available for Finland or Sweden. Placements are possible at Växjö and Umeå in Sweden, and at Joensuu and Tampere in Finland. Please contact Gordon Levine, 108 Cina, 726-6274.

LECTURES AND EVENTS OF INTEREST (ON-CAMPUS)

The **24th Annual Feast of Nations** will be held on March 27 and 28 in the Kirby Ballroom. On Friday, March 27, a dinner buffet will be served at 7 p.m. with a one-hour show beginning at 8 p.m. On Saturday, the 28th, exhibits will be displayed in the Rafters from 4-6 p.m., a grand dinner buffet served at 6 p.m. in the Kirby Ballroom, followed by a two-hour show beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets and more information will be available March 16, in Kirby Ticket Office, telephone 726-7170. The Feast of Nations is open to the general public.

LECTURES AND EVENTS OF INTEREST (OFF-CAMPUS)

The **13th Annual Finnfest** celebration will be held in Duluth July 23-26, 1992. This event is an international gathering of the Finnish community and friends which features workshops, lectures and cultural activities. For additional information contact Don Wirtanen through the Alworth Institute office.

On March 10, there will a day-long program in Grand Marais, MN, devoted to "The Breakup of the Soviet Union". The event will feature Professor Ray Rabb, Economics, and Assistant Professor Kurt Schroeder, Geography, from UMD as speakers. The event is sponsored by the Grand Marais Lions Club, Cook County Community Education, and the Alworth Institute for International Studies. Contact Bob Hattery, 218-387-1186, for more information.

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL SUPPORT

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION. Contact person for faculty grants is Kathleen Sellev (612)624-5580. Grants, which average \$600, are awarded quarterly and must be matched by institutional sources. Deadline is June 15 for activities commencing in July, August, and September. Applications and guidelines are available at 108 Cina.

THE CHINA CENTER offers partial travel grants for international airfare to University of Minnesota faculty with official invitations to lecture, teach or perform research dealing with the study of China. Application deadline for travel during July, August, and September is June 15. Contact the China Center (612)624-1002 for travel guidelines and application form.

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES is a monthly publication intended to provide a needed communication link in the region for individuals, and for business and educational organizations who are interested in international topics. Announcements regarding international programs, speakers, films or other events on campus should be sent to Joyce Benson, Royal D. Alworth, Jr. Institute for International Studies, 108 Cina Hall; or call (218)726-8229.

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